“Agile Sensing Systems: Analysis, Design and Implementation”

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Abstract: The major feature of agile sensing systems is the adaptation of their sensing and processing strategies to system goals, such as performance requirements, computational complexity requirements, and robustness to time-varying physical environments. Agile sensing techniques thus enable systems to become autonomous, efficient, and reliable. This talk will discuss the analysis, design and implementation of several agile sensing systems. In particular, agile sensing techniques are demonstrated in 1) the design and performance of a waveform-agile multi-modal track-before-detect sensing system, 2) MIMO radar processing for time-varying multipath urban environments, 3) efficient algorithm design using compressed measurements in multi-sensor-multi-target tracking of neural activities and its FPGA Implementation, and 4) active sensing and learning for structural health monitoring applications.

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